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SUBJ: BELL HELICOPTERS ARRIVE; FINANCIAL AND USAGE REGULA-
TIONS ADOPTED

REF: STATE 168386 AND 197072; LOURENCO MARQUES 557 AND 648,
ALL 1972.

1. FIRST SIX OF TWELVE BELL HELICOPTERS ORDERED BY MOZAM-
BIQUE GOVT (REFTELS) ARRIVED LOURENCO MARQUES BY SHIP APRIL
17; REMAINDER EXPECTED SHORTLY. ACCORDING PRESS, BELL
REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPANYING TO ASSIST US- TRAINED CREWS IN
PUTTING THEM INTO OPERATION.

2. PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE ISSUED APRIL 14 PROVIDES THAT HELI-
COPTERS ARE TO BE USED MINIMUM OF 50 HOURS PER MONTH EACH,
DIVIDED AMONG FOUR MOZAMBIQUE GOVT AGENCIES AS FOLLOWS:
PROVINCIAL GOVT 40 PER CENT, MOZAMBIQUE RAILWAYS 20 PER
CENT, POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES SERVICE 20 PER CENT,
AUTONOMOUS HIGHWAY BOARD 20 PER CENT. THEY WILL PAY COSTS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SAME SCHEDULE. GOVERNMENT IS TO ESTABLISH
A CONCESSIONARY COMPANY, IN WHICH RESPECTIVE AGENCIES AND
PRIVATE CAPITAL WILL SHARE OWNERSHIP. UNTIL THIS COMPANY
ESTABLISHED, GOVT WILL HIRE PRIVATE FIRM TO OPERATE HELI-
COPTERS.

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EM PRIVATE FIRM INVOLVED, WHICH WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN
CONCESSIONARY COMPANY, IS HEPAL - HELICOPTEROS PORTUGAL AFRICA

LDA. FOUNDED IN 1968, HEPAL IS ONLY FIRM OPERATING HELICOPTERS IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND HAS PURCHASED HELICOPTERS FROM U. S. ON OWN ACCOUNT (SEE STATE 138840 AND L. M. 391, BOTH 1971). SINCE OUR 1971 REPORT, HEPAL'S MANAGING DIRECTOR AND CHIEF PILOT, JOAO MANUEL VINAGRE, HAS BOUGHT OUT SOUTH AFRICAN FIRM WHICH USED TO OWN 49 PER CENT OF CAPITAL.

4. SECOND PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE OF SAME DATE PROVIDES THAT COST OF HELICOPTERS AND PARTS - US DOLS 1,893,436.55 - WILL BE ENTIRELY FINANCED BY SOCIEDADE FINANCEIRA PORTUGUESA, 45 PER CENT IN AMERICAN DOLLARS AND 55 PER CENT IN SWISS FRANCS. AS DEPT AWARE (LISBON 2573, AUG 2, 1972), THIS IS NOMINALLY PRIVATE FINANCING COMPANY WITH PORTUGUESE GOVT PARTICIPATION. CREDIT IS TO EARN INTEREST AT 7.5 PER CENT, AND WILL BE AMORTIZED IN TEN EQUAL SEMI- ANNUAL PAYMENTS BEGINNING JAN 1, 1974 AND ENDING JULY 1, 1978. THE FOUR MOZAMBIQUE GOVT AGENCIES WHICH ARE TO SHARE USE OF HELICOPTERS ARE REQUIRED TO SCHEDULE REPAYMENTS IN THEIR BUDGETS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERCENT OF USE ALLOTTED TO THEM.
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